Komi Can't Communicate

A confession of love...

Communication 414: The Confession of Love That One Time

...means divulging secret feelings.
WHA ?!
I L-LIK YOU VIBE A LO BETTE
You should never do it on impulse or by accident.
At least as a general rule.
...so implementing one requires the utmost care.
It can drastically change a relationship...
HUH...
Second term
MORNIN', EVERYBODY!!
Third Year, Class 4 Rumiko Manbagi

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Long time no see!
Morning!
Rumikoooooo!
Good morning!
Mornin'?
...
Your hair's grown a bit!
GOOD MORNING TO YOU TOO, WAKAI!
FWIP
GRUNT...

FUMP
スワリ。
!!
*Man-bagi dives right in.
AT THE SUMMER FESTIVAL, DID YOU SAY YOU LIKE—
DASH
GRUNT!
(TRANSLATION: SORRY! MY STOMACH HURTS! I GOTTA USE THE JOHN!)

After class
HEY, WAKA—
DAAASH
During class
He pretends he doesn't notice.
...
From Kuniko
Please read.
TOSS
Lunch break
HEY, W—
A FEINT?!
DASH
FWIP
WHSH
TUMP
After class
HEY—
WOOSH

GOOD WORK, EVERY-BODY!
During club activ-ities
!
WAKAI!
Coach
NO, I'M FINE.
WORRIED ABOUT SOME-THING?! YOU CAN TELL ME!!
ARE YOU INJURED?! TELL ME IF YOU'RE IN PAIN!!
SHARPEN UP FOR THE NEXT PRELIMS!!
WHAT'S WRONG?! YOU'VE BEEN SLUG-GISH!
BAM
Well, I'm ready to listen!!

?!
プク
P3OO
CHEW
クチャ
CHEW
?!!
You ain't gettin' away this time.
SWIK
カチャ…
AAAGH!!!
I GOTCHA!!
HWUFF
ハンキス
Wakai, you can talk to me...
STOP YELPIN' OVER THERE!!!
Coach
NAAAAAH
わぁぁぁぁぁ
AS IN PRESSED AGAINST ME!!
L-LET GO! I'M ALL SWEATY!! AND YOU'RE TOO CLOSE!

I, UM... I JUST...
AND WHY'RE YOU RUNNING AWAY?!
WAS THAT AN ACCIDENT?! OR DID I HEAR WRONG?!
TELL ME! ABOUT THAT CONFESSION AT THE FESTIVAL!
TH-THAT'S BRIGHT! OKAY! I WILL!
Phone light
FWASH
BE CLEAR WITH ME!
PORK CUTLET BOWL?
FINE. WANNA GO FOR A PORK CUTLET BOWL?
FIRST, I'M SORRY FOR RUNNING AWAY.

AND I'M SORRY FOR SUDDENLY ...
...BLURTING OUT...
...A CONFESSION OF LOVE.
BUT YOU WERE ACTING LIKE YOU THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T AS GOOD AS THE OTHERS...
...SO I WANTED TO SAY...
...THAT I THINK YOU'RE BETTER.
HOW DID *THAT* TURN INTO *THAT*?
I LIKE YOU!
UM, I'M NOT SURE.
ANYWAY...
...I DON'T DENY WHAT I SAID.
I MEANT IT.
...

I'M WILLING TO ABIDE BY YOUR RESPONSE...
...BUT I'M AFRAID OF WHAT IT'LL BE...
...SO I RAN AWAY.
I'M SORRY...
...FOR THAT.
SHOCK
NOT COOL, BRUH.
!!!

AND NEITHER IS RUNNING AWAY.
9999 OVER-KILL
9999 OVER-KILL
9999 OVER-KILL
STAB
AND NEITHER IS BEING INDECISIVE.
STAB STAB
BEING WISHY-WASHY ISN'T COOL.
R-RIGHT, UM...
I'M S-SORRY !!!
BE A MAN AND EXPLAIN IT CLEARLY!!
SWIK

EXPLAIN HOW YOU FEEL.
...!!

...
I'M NO GOOD AT TALKING TO GIRLS.
?!
Me and Mako-cchi?!
...AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE DATING KATAI.
AT FIRST, I COULDN'T TALK TO YOU EITHER...
STRANGE FACES?
...I STARTED TO NOTICE YOU MORE.
BUT AS YOU CHEERED FOR ME AT GAMES AND GOT ANGRY AND MADE WEIRD FACES...

AND THEN I REALIZED ...
I wanted to see you play more!
But still!!!
YOU GOTTA CRUSH 'EM!!
SMIIILE
...YOU'RE LIKE A SUNFLOWER, SO I LIKE YOU.

BABMP
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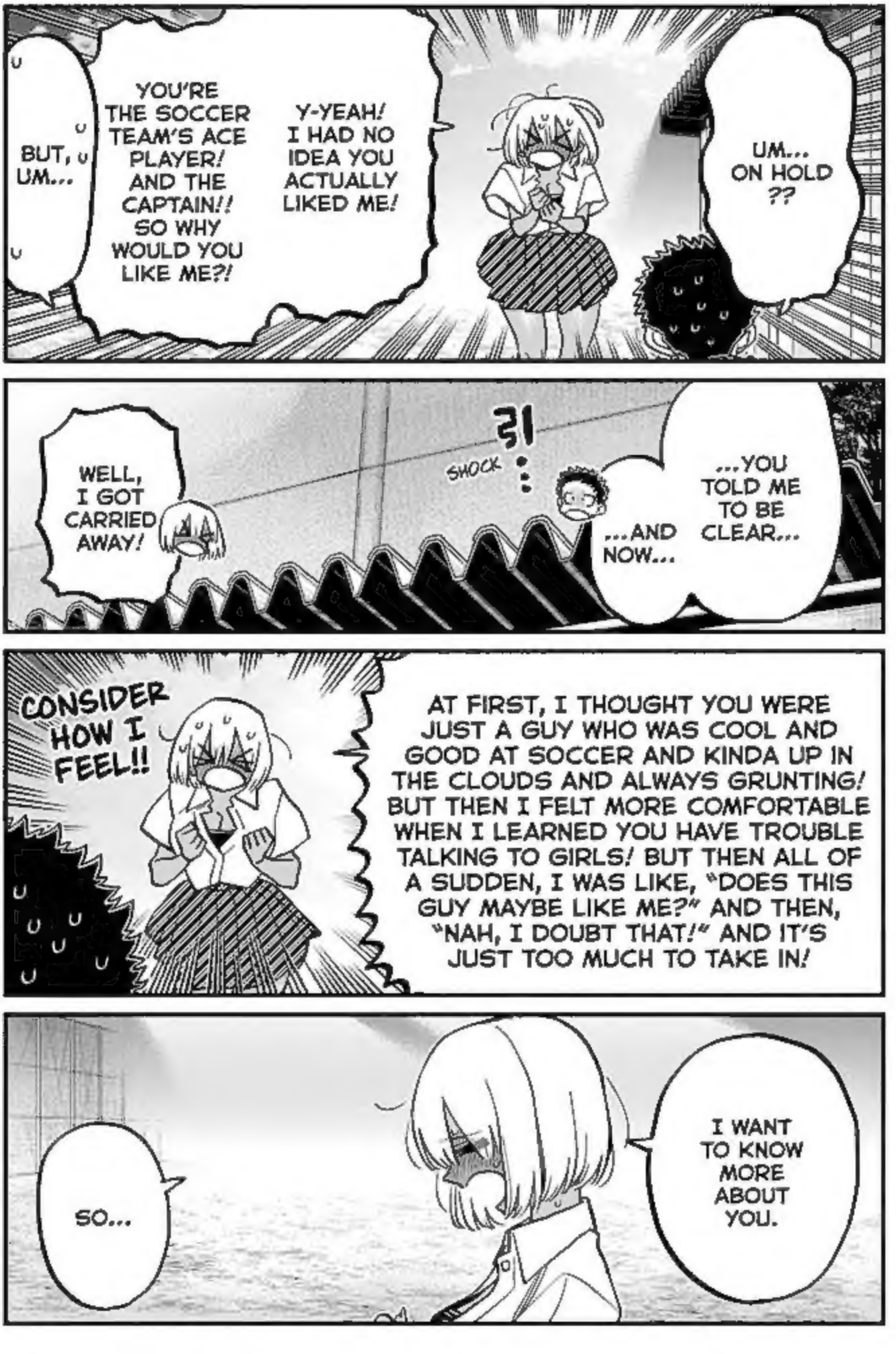
WHEEEEEEEW
LEMME PUT MY ANSWER ON HOLD!
ON HOLD ???


UM... ON HOLD ??
Y-YEAH! I HAD NO IDEA YOU ACTUALLY LIKED ME!
YOU'RE THE SOCCER TEAM'S ACE PLAYER! AND THE CAPTAIN!! SO WHY WOULD YOU LIKE ME?!
BUT, UM...
...YOU TOLD ME TO BE CLEAR...
...AND NOW...
SHOCK
?!
WELL, I GOT CARRIED AWAY!
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST A GUY WHO WAS COOL AND GOOD AT SOCCER AND KINDA UP IN THE CLOUDS AND ALWAYS GRUNTING! BUT THEN I FELT MORE COMFORTABLE WHEN I LEARNED YOU HAVE TROUBLE TALKING TO GIRLS! BUT THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, I WAS LIKE, "DOES THIS GUY MAYBE LIKE ME?" AND THEN, "NAH, I DOUBT THAT!" AND IT'S JUST TOO MUCH TO TAKE IN!
CONSIDER HOW I FEEL!!
I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU.
SO...

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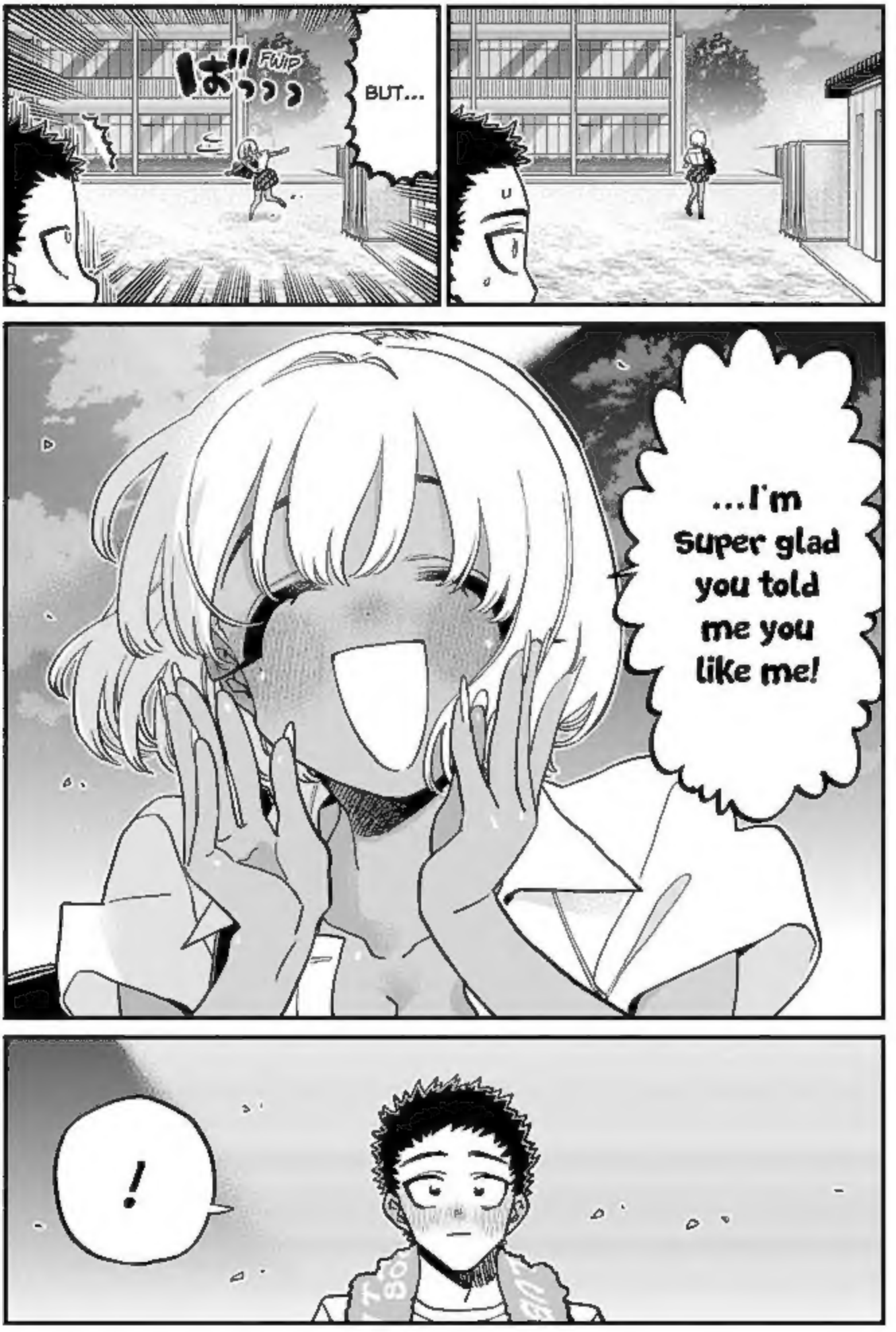
...I NEED TIME TO THINK.
OKAY, I UNDER-STAND.
R-RIGHT. SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU.
BUT LET'S TALK AGAIN SOON.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FWIP
BUT...
...I'm super glad you told me you like me!
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To be continued!